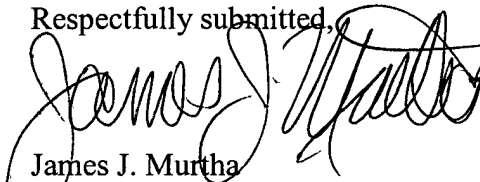


REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 28, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-7 were allowed. Claims 8-46 have been canceled without prejudice to filing a continuation to further prosecute such claims. Consequently, the case is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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